

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Notice of Allowance dated July 5, 2011.

Status of the Claims

Claims 11, 18, 19, and 22-33 are pending in the present application. New claims 28-33 correspond to previously-canceled claims 12-17 and 20, respectively, which claims were canceled in response to an election/restriction requirement.

Response to Notice of Allowance – Elections/Restrictions

The Applicant notes, with appreciation, the allowance of claims 11, 18, 19, and 22-27. The Notice of Allowance indicated that if Applicant wishes for dependent claims 12-17 and 20-21 to be considered for rejoinder, an amendment reinstating the claims should be filed. Applicant hereby requests reinstatement of dependent claims 12-17 and 20, as new claims 28-33, respectively (in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (C)(5); MPEP 714). New claim 33 differs from previously-canceled claim 20 in that the language “said second material” has been replaced with “said second photoresist material”, and “selectively exposing and removing photoresist material” has been replaced with “selectively exposing and removing some of said second photoresist material” to make the claim read better. Claims 12-17 depend from allowed claim 11, and claim 20 depends from allowed claim 21.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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